

SPEAKER BARRETT: No, you're not.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: All right.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit is the next speaker.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: A pity. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Senator Schmit has just passed his time to me I think.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Go ahead.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: And I...it's an evil thing to selectively enforce the law. It's an evil thing to do that. It's an evil thing to single out a certain class of people or a certain course of conduct and to go after it only. And you know, we've sat here and we've kind of pussyfooted around and talked about the way Senator Labeledz and Senator Pappas and some others got singled out on the lottery petition, and they got singled out by a crusading newspaper, and they got singled out by an Attorney General who was up for reelection. And at the same time the Initiative 300 petition was circulated four years earlier or six years earlier, whenever it was, and the same kinds of defects that apparently were discovered in the lottery petition were in this Initiative 300 petitions, but there weren't prosecutions. There weren't...people didn't have to risk felony convictions because of that. What kind of a society are you going to live in? Are you going to be obsessed, obsessed forever and a day? It is not right to human beings in this society. I put the little 15 game language in this bill because it wasn't right, as Senator Chambers so well pointed out two nights ago, for us to in effect say that some bartender could get prosecuted because his game...his machine inadvertently could play more than 15 games and you ought to just make it clear that what you want to prosecute is the use of the machine for bona fide gambling activities and not the number of free games. Because to do it otherwise, you really do expose and subject good and honest folk in our state to selective enforcement of the laws and I can't think of a worse thing, I cannot think of a worse thing than selective enforcement of law. And the reason why that is so bad is because the person who is prosecuted is persecuted since other people who commit equal wrongs are not prosecuted. Now this is our last day in our last waning hours, and I would hope